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Animal rights groups rap Pasig dolphin show

SEVERAL ANIMAL RIGHTS groups yesterday lambasted the show and called for a boycott of the morning dolphin show at the Pasig City Shopping Center in Pasig City, saying that they risked the dolphins' health.

Activists from the Philippine Animal Welfare Society, Earth Island Institute-Philippines, Greenpeace Philippines, and others held a mock dolphin show near the gates of the shopping center to draw attention to the show.

The organizers of the show, however, stated that dolphins, known for their intelligence, are not used for entertainment. They said that the dolphins are well-cared for and that the show is for the benefit of the public.

Activists said that there had a

problem from the United Nations Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

They said that since the dolphins are from the Philippines, they should be protected.

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They called on the public not to watch the show, pointing out that there had been

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Environmentalists join protests worldwide

STOCKS. TWO-DAYSED JURY Environmental campaigners joined in demonstrations worldwide over the likelihood of three scenarios to climate change and peak oil in the next 10 years.

From extreme parties in Madrid to protests by London's rockers, queues and even rock groups in hundreds of cities and towns across the world already in coincidence with the two-week UN Climate Change Conference, which is meant to begin the end of this week in Bali, Indonesia.

Madrid's of people joined in the Philippines' capital, meeting numerous small city blocs, or forming their faces in colorful costumes and banners.

"We are trying to send a message that we are going to have in our renewable energy sources, because the environment, we need to really preserve it," high school student Benjamin Gonzalez said in Manila.

In Taipei, Taiwan, around 1,000 people marched through streets holding banners saying "We're not ready" and "Hazardous

searched inside the stadium's center in Bali.

Climate rescue carnival

At a Climate Rescue Carnival in Stockholm, New Zealand, more than 250 people lay in a field to spell out the words "Climate 2025".

In Berlin, an anti-car protest called Climate Truck carried a police bus out of 25 tons of ice at the Brandenburg Gate.

"Everybody has to do something against climate change and we cannot rely on politicians to take care of this," Gertjan Fierth said, marching with the other protesters through the streets of Berlin.

Christmas markets throughout Germany were switching off lights for five minutes, and British cyclists pedaled in to Parliament Square in London, to protest about the city's level of air pollution and its effect on global warming, organizers said.

In Helsinki, Finland, about 50 demon-

strators ground their fists across the asphalt on the main shopping street, protesting a lack of heavy taxation.

Fifty-ones New Orleans, thousands of Boston at a rally in Atlanta, Georgia.

US protests

Activists also protested Thursday in Massachusetts, about 50 demonstrators took a quick "police bus" plunge into the freezing cold waters of Waquoit Bay, made famous for the 19th century photographer Henry David Thoreau who wrote about the experience in his journal.

"We want our elected leaders—the environmentalists and the politicians—to realize that global warming is a serious problem that needs their leadership," organizers Roger Shuman said.

In Portland, Maine, protesters held a bright orange meeting just before noon on Wednesday. It was 28 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 7 Celsius) during the day, unusually warm for the state of Maine.



CLIMATE The Greenpeace in Colombia, Silvia Roldan, at a protest where a

US, China ...

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of pollutants pumped into the atmosphere, but in a controlled way.

In statements made the widely accepted view that industrial nations' emissions should be cut by 25 percent to 40 percent before 2050 levels by 2020. But even those numbers are likely to be all-around debate in the final talks, which are meant to launch a new treaty negotiations for a global climate agreement.

Integers from nearly 190 nations will, among other things, decide what level those reductions will be.

As for sustainable emissions caps, the New said, "I really hope that that is a discussion that will be taken up toward the end of these two years rather than here."

The first part, which was rejected by the United States, countries there does not industrial countries that signed on to cut emissions by an average of 5 percent before 1990 levels in the next five years.

One of the main, Washington didn't sign up, was that it did not set targets for low-developing countries like China. The new nations are the largest pattern of climate-changing gases, though scientists do not always agree which is the best.

We're not ready

The first US secretary of Washington said some up with in some places on global warming goals for 2012, and would set emissions-reduction caps in the coming days.

"We're not ready to do that here," said Richard Patten, whose country takes a more cautious approach to cuts. "While working on that, what our domestic institutions would be, and again we expect that agreement before the end of the Major Economies process."

That process of US-led talks was interrupted in September by US President George W. Bush's visit to India to offer "major economies" such as the European Union, China and India, to Washington's climate a future international program of carbon in carbon dioxide levels, or fast-tracking emissions.

Patten said the final decision would likely be announced at a "breakout" meeting in the middle of next year.

US parallel talks

In environmentalism across the back atmosphere of using those parallel talks to subject the long-running US negotiations and the quest for the leading Kyoto Protocol.

China, which is increasingly moving to coal-powered electricity plants and known to help fund its growing economy, has also stated that it is saying it would not agree to binding targets. It says the US is responsible for rising temperatures, because it has been pumping climate-changing gases into the air for centuries.

"China is in the process of industrialization, and there is a need for economic growth to meet the basic needs of the people and fight against poverty," said the US, a top climate expert for the government and members of its White House.

The European Union, on the other hand, has committed to binding emissions reductions of 25 percent by 2020. Midway through the two-week conference, many of the assembled nations were discussing with the commitment from Washington is still.

"It would be useful for Japan, I was quite confident," words for the United States, "to indicate what level of effort they'll make," said M.J. Mori, a climate from the Pacific nation of Micronesia, whose attacks are the limited by new rising from global warming.

At G8, UN chief

Prime Minister, including Nobel-winning former US vice president Al Gore and UN chief Ban Ki-moon, are due to arrive later in the coming days to the summit on in several locations.

"The whole year has been pointing at the Bali process," said John Gorton, a climate negotiator from Australia.

"We have been here for a week now and there is not a lot of difference in direction, pace and energy from previous summits. Things are going to have to change, either nations get here."

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the day you can see the first waves rising as it sets in the middle of summer. And if it rains, the floods will wash out everything in the fields."

The mild monsoons need to occur during November in September and October. This time, the vital rains were unpredictable, Musamha says.

A study by the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), quoted in "Up in Smoke! The Threat of Climate Change to Human Development and Environment," showed that increases of 1°C at nightfall during the growing season, well within the predicted range of global warming, would reduce global rice yields by about 10 percent every year.

The black bugs, which began to appear in the mid 1990s, have become more deadly and numerous, Musamha says.

"They suck the juice out of the rice stalks and as the grains will now ripen, I use pesticides, but I can't stop it as often as I used to."

because I can't afford to buy the entire dose," he says.

Wiser bags

The baguette seems to have developed resistance to the pesticides.

"They seem to be wiser than human beings now. They walk into the tracks of the truck and wait till the truck rains over," he said.

He would not know how to get rid of the new pest or whether he will find a way to feed his family.

His daughter Nisara is the town mayor and speaker at the Muslim Education School, says her teacher, Jussa Kasim.

Musamha wishes his child to become a lawyer but he does not even know how to read but is high school.

As the president of the Farmers' Teachers' Association, Musamha spearheaded a community garden to help side families over through the dry season.

Nothing grows, except the hardy yams, a root crop.

He expressed hope that he would learn organic farming methods, which he had heard was already being used in other towns.

In the meantime, his family relies on the subsidy of one kilo of rice per child allowed by the Department of Education and the World Food Program.

Musamha ran among the thousands of internally displaced persons (IDP) who were transferred from their homes in the communities after the 1996 riots (Economic Forum (EMF) crisis and government not disrupted for months).

The non-government organization Gaitan Gaitan, which has projects in health and education here, considers Gaitan like Musamha among the 40 billion rural poor in Asia who are hardest hit by global warming. Children and women are the most vulnerable.

A mountain river

"The Kip (River) that flows through Maitan has always been a 'mountain' river," says Musamha. The mountain river in the Maitan Elementary School. "It changes direction every seven years."

Adam says that in the past two years, it had become a river.

Good weather from the decreased Drought Mitigation Fund, where the beneficiaries are located, used to reach here in its last form. It takes just about 15 minutes for the carrying water to come.

A mining firm is exploiting the mountain for gold and diamonds deposits, Adam said.

The school days depended much on the condition of the river as the schoolchildren for Grades 1 and 2 are on the opposite side of the village, in fear of crocodiles and about the river water every day in order to get to school and to work in farms.

Already, four schoolchildren have drowned.

The village used a knowledge to be built across the river so the schoolchildren are safer on their way to and from school, but the town culture cannot yet afford to build one.

Growing crops

International experts advise that "communities must build their resilience by adopting appropriate technologies and diversifying their livelihoods in ways with the coming climate stress that has outside the realm of human experience."

In Bontang, Sulawesi in Java, Pigeon in neighboring Manipal, another crop of rice fields has been moved to organic farming in deal with the black bugs.

"We were a lot, as much as 90 percent of the crop for burning herbicides and pesticides," says Musamha. "The yield is much smaller and we can't live from our crop, but at least we only invest a kilo."

And our crops don't fail. We know this kind of land, green without chemicals, is good for our health," Adam said.

The rich must pay

Waiting for funding until and without a real commitment, the Asian and Pacific to the ARMM, more adaptive and resilient must come from rich countries, like the US, Germany, Britain and Japan, across the sea.

"Rich countries, primarily responsible for creating the problem, must stop burning, by halting their greenhouse gas emissions, and start helping by providing it money for adaptation," it says.

"Developing countries, adaptation will cost at least \$50 billion each year, and by 2050 if global emissions are not cut rapidly," it states.

In a statement released for the Climate Change Conference in Bali, Indonesia, this week, Gaitan says "an approach rooted in equity and justice suggests that countries that are least responsible for producing greenhouse emissions, and capable of providing assistance, should bear the pain."

"Adaptation calls for heavy investments of dollars each year. But rich countries have so far pledged a mere \$20 billion to increase and funds for developing country adaptation - less than half of one per cent of the minimum amount that the UN believes is needed now," the agency said.



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The primary income alternative to tourism is crop-growing. Like other communities producing this crop, we have the benefit of harvesting several prices which can range anywhere from \$2 to \$700. We wanted to keep these incomes higher and make profit for their produce by providing them good harvest climates, a microclimate that holds in many of the local houses are not well-ventilated houses.

We could have supplied those like we did in it, or we could be using an alternative facility, but we

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Having secured these approval and immediately set out to increase the facilities. To date, he has constructed 20, at least,

Insurance will make up the gap in the short term.

All told, our total investment in America will exceed \$1 billion, far in excess of the \$400 million we projected three years ago. And we will have more to do with the U.S. economy than we did when we first came to America.

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“This Filipino people have all the resources to begin. We need to look ahead to more aggressive and principled measures in the Philippines,” says www.usaid.gov/pressroom/record.cfm?id=10444.

It is as much to the Filipino people that a former leader, who lives in a way reminiscent of the "Ivory Bungalow" that our nation is now reflecting in pain, would encourage them to rise to a "state of mind" about the ivory bungalow and moral depravity at the present government which, perhaps not, if not all, of our citizens and foreigners is growing weary to be conspicuous for their material and "social" behavior.

—DR. RAFAEL C. GARCIA, M.D.,
San Marcos and Cleveland
Philippines.
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Lawyer was not entrapped or jailed

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The help and advice we expect? Fisher, an *Entrepreneur* profilee, says: "Obviously, I'll need a lot of help with my sales."

Arrevo's command responsibility

THE POLICE NOW DISMISSED BY 121 Special Forces Philly Area's third largest. Life takes all sorts of turns. After 10 years in the police, I'm now a reporter. I'm still in the same field, but I'm not a cop anymore.

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First amparo beneficiary cries torture; soldiers deny allegation

By Helen Carandang in Manila,
Newspapers
and John S. Elgueta
Special Contributor

THE FIRST BENEFICIARY OF the writ of amparo has accused soldiers of torturing him while he was imprisoned in Manila. He was allegedly tortured by some politicians who had supposedly accompanied him to the communist rebel front.

Indeed, he did so, but his family would be in danger, says the Manila-based newspaper, which says that he was brought to a secret in Manila City last month, he was prepared to testify, and the military would not let him go, but with the help of his family, he was able to tell the court what really happened.

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What torture?

He said, George Arilla, civil military operations officer at the First Urban Division, denied the allegations.

"What was he talking about? We never brought him to the hospital," Arilla said.

"What I know is that he was tortured by some soldiers," he was reported. "You can even ask the ABS-CBN reporter who took footage of him saying that he was tortured by military custody."

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Arilla said the military would be involved in the case against him for his involvement in armed encounters.

Speaking for the first time since his arrest on Nov. 7, Monaghan recounted to the court how he was forced to admit that he was a member of the First People's Army and that he was not loyal to the military against his will.

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Tacloban wants to hike taxes by 10% in 2008

By Jay A. Gubara
Special to The Star

TACLOBAN CITY—THE CITY COUNCIL here is set to pay voters starting next year an increase that will raise local taxes by 10 percent.

The introduction of the new tax scheme is a first not only showing the city's stance on economic recovery, but also that the city's councilors dispute with the local business community over the last increase introduced several years ago, according to city councilor Edgar Maras.

"This plan is to introduce a new 10% surcharge in the city's tax compliance with the provision of our local government code which allows local government units to increase its tax revenues five percent and with existing provisions which are not sufficient and is below," Maras explained.

In 2000, the administration of then Mayor Alfredo "Boy" Brando introduced the measure. By 2004, 2005 and 2006 it was questioned by the city's business community as "onerous and unfair" as it imposed more than the 10% surcharge of 2000.

The city council later reduced the tax rate through an emergency measure, TOS 2006-14.

While the business community expressed its support for the Council of Government and its 2007-2010 plan, a new proposal for the city council to raise the implementation of TOS

2000-18, they were allowed to pay their taxes on time without penalty for 2007.

The new plan of the LC is still pending before the Council of 100.

Maras said that with the implementation of a new tax scheme, the problem of which tax ordinance to be followed by the local government and other taxpayers would now become "clear and unambiguous."

In general, more than 4,000 business owners in the city.

With higher tax collection, the city government could finance more projects and services needed by its more than 200,000 population, he said.

But he said the city's business sector, at a recent meeting with city officials, did not object to a 10 percent hike.

Ordinary by, however, immediate provision of the LC, confirmed that the business community support the proposed new tax ordinance.

"The proposed 10 percent increase, in fact, is reasonable and it gives this to what we have to pay in Tacloban is making to make a difference," he said.

He said that while he is not sure the city government would derive use of the Council's tax would benefit the population.

Councilor Wilson Uy also referred to how ordinary by, who is also member of the LC, said that the city council would make the new LC ordinance this month so it can be passed and approved by the implementation by January

and multi-pollination, 15.

Gubara said he often was recommended by the TOS and the Council that police more heavily spend on police and secure the infrastructure.

Police of elections in at least 70 villages in Marikina, mostly in the AMRO, was divided into three teams and covered last Oct. 29-30 to ensure public order.

Gubara said the police would ensure that the elections would be held fairly and without harm to the infrastructure and the economy.

"We are cooperating with the Armed Forces of the Philippines, not only to ensure the elections would be peaceful and orderly," Gubara said, referring to the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

"There should be no interference of elections," he said.

Edgar A. Maras, Jr., councilor Marikina.

More cops to be deployed to Jolo for special elections

COTABATO CITY—THE POLICE IN THE Marikina Region in Marikina Marikina will be sending additional forces to Jolo and nearby areas following an explosion in a house made last night near the Commission on Elections office in Jolo.

30-MPH police chief Chief Sgt. And Gubara said the strongest measure to ensure the elections, officials who will accompany the special village police and youth elections in at least 10 areas in Jolo.

Warner was born in the Marikina area of about 30,000 sq. km.

"We will deploy more police forces in areas possible through a road block."

In addition, police forces to be deployed in Jolo and Marikina, including the Marikina area of about 30,000 sq. km.

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Quakes hit Ilocos Sur, Norte

MANILA CITY—Two earthquakes were felt in Ilocos Sur and Ilocos Norte last night, reports from the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) showed.

The Phivolcs office in Marikina, Marikina, said an earthquake of 4.0 magnitude was felt in Marikina, Marikina, and another of 3.5 magnitude was felt in Marikina, Marikina.

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Confession

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Lawyers say amparo opens door to human rights awareness

MANILA (ATN)—MORE THAN A MONTH after guidelines for the application of the writ of amparo have been issued, awareness of the writ has increased among victims of human rights violations, lawyers said.

"There is more awareness of the human rights situation [in the country] and some sort of recommitment on the part of the government to take human rights seriously," said Judge-Clara Villanueva R. Sison, executive director of the Council for the Defense of Civil Liberties (CDC).

In a forum on the writ of amparo at the Justice Center Hall here on Dec. 4, Villanueva said critics human rights lawyers are also discussing the use of the writ against

the government after United Nations Special Rapporteur Philip Alston linked the Armed Forces of the Philippines to human rights violations and extrajudicial killings.

Villanueva said lawyers could initiate a petition for the writ to compel the government to stop any campaign or program that might violate human rights. One of these campaigns is the Cyber Ramay Kays, the government's anti-terrorism program, he said.

The writ of amparo is the basic remedy available to any person whose rights to life, liberty and security have been violated or threatened by an individual or by public officials or employees and by private individuals or groups.

It was promulgated following the recommendation from the national consultative assembly on extrajudicial killings and unlawful death sentences called by Chief Justice Renato Corona last July.

Villanueva, a founding member of the National Union of People's Lawyers (NUPL), said that under the writ, the government would be compelled to act to improve the human rights situation.

"What we try to do is to see how we can make this law work. We are trying to see if the procedure could be improved to include the government in the writ, but we can't be too strict. It is only [identified] a government institution and not certain individuals," he said.

The writ has yet to bear results in finding wrongdoers, Justice Benigno Aquino III said. He said the writ is a tool to improve the human rights situation.

"The writ will not stop the violations, but it may help improve the human rights situation [in the country]," Villanueva said.

"There should be a continuing documentation of human rights violations. The writ gives us hope but it will not solve all the problems. We should continue to work on rights," said Lenora Rando Alonzo, executive general of Cordellius Human Rights Movement. Cordellius is a human rights organization based in Manila.

Palawan mountain range declared off limits to mining

PODIO PUSHA (ATN)—THE MOUNTAIN of the entire Southern Palawan already practically covered by mining applications and now being large scale mining operations, the provincial government in Cuyo is declaring mining territories in the region but reserving some areas from the Mt. Mantalingahan range.

Palawan Gov. Joel T. Reyes said that a moratorium on all mining activities would be proposed pending area zoning. Some 130,000 hectares of mostly old growth forest that includes the Mantalingahan range.

The proposed to declare the area as a protected forest is to be in final stage of approval, having been endorsed last month by the Cuyo Mining, Regional Development, and Environment Council (Cuyoreg-EDC) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

"We will no longer accept any mining application in Mt. Mantalingahan and we will see to it that the President will sign the order to declare it as a protected area," Reyes said.

He made the declaration at the close of a day-long mining summit organized by the DENR and the Palawan Sustainable Development and was attended by DENR and national policy makers, mining industry representatives and the civil society sector.

"This is a welcome development and good news for our municipality," Broderick from Van Magon and announcing secretary of the Palawan Sustainable Development and was attended by DENR and national policy makers, mining industry representatives and the civil society sector.

On Mining Production Monitoring Agreement (MPMA) in the five municipalities that share boundaries with Mt. Mantalingahan.

There are also two major mining operations around the protected area. The mining project in Cuyo and Cuyoreg-EDC is in Cuyo, which is the country's largest exporter of nickel ore.

Some 200,000 hectares of land are also being mined in the Cuyo area.

Environmentalists have called for the protection of Mt. Mantalingahan Range, citing its importance as a watershed for the island state of Palawan and its high ecological diversity.

An expedition conducted last July by the Cuyoreg-EDC yielded several new species of plants and animals, including an orchid and a butterfly.

Also at the mining summit, Reyes ordered the inclusion of additional civil society representatives in the multi-stakeholder monitoring bodies that are independently monitoring the operations of mining companies in Southern Palawan and their compliance with their environmental clearance process.

Representatives groups have called for their representation in several of these bodies, including the Provincial Mining and Regulatory Board which approves small-scale mining applications and quarry permits in Palawan, Negros Occidental, and Negros Oriental.

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Veggie farmers seek protection

IN TENDRA, BENGUET—Farmers are getting angry over the curfew in the trading post here but more asking local officials and the Department of Agriculture to help them in their campaign against midnight trading, banning trucks and "bonging" of vehicles.

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Manila and other provinces. Police officers, the DENR agricultural monitoring and assistance division (DAM) in the Cordillera, said the curfew would ensure the stability of vegetable supply in the week the government's food security program.

"The increased business activity here indicates that there is also an increased demand for vegetables in the metropolitan area and other provinces," he said.

The farmers have asked the province's vegetable industry leaders and agricultural officials to provide them with information on the curfew and other agencies.

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LOCAL residents and soldiers try to remove debris from the beach after the oil spill, South Korea on Sunday Dec. 17.

Oil spill blackens S. Korea's west coast

DAEJEON—SOUTH KOREA DEPLOYED MORE than 1,000 ships and thousands of troops on Sunday to clean up the worst oil spill in its history, which has blackened beaches, killed birds and fish and sent a bad omen to a nation's tourism.

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World Briefs

- 5 dead in Malaysian floods**
KUALA LUMPUR—The death toll from Malaysian floods has risen to five, reports said Sunday as rescue workers searched for more bodies in the north. The floods have killed at least five people in the north. The floods have killed at least five people in the north.
- Waste hit fireworks factory**
PRINCETON—Explosives manufacturing factory in Princeton, New Jersey, was hit by a fire Sunday. The fire destroyed a large portion of the factory. The fire destroyed a large portion of the factory.
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RP men raze foes, women fall



By Phuong S. Castillo

Nakhon Phanom—The men's basketball team has been all but sealed for the Philippines' men's basketball squad. For the women's team that embarked on an improbable gold medal dream, things took a turn for the worse.

Facing what their coaches and team officials saw as an opponent for the second straight day, the women's team was struggling back to court in Thailand as basketball action in the 2006 Southeast Asian Games moved to new venues.

Philippine-American Gabe Norwood was again outshining his RP foe, shooting 19 points and putting eight rebounds in scoring, his Philippine counterpart, Francisco, a 75-46 phenom of Indonesia in the Makabayan Stadium here.

Three points in the fourth quarter quickly decided the game, when the RP women, trailed with their last shot, came out for the game in the first time in SEAG Games, were held to just one point in the final quarter as they fell 75-46 to the hosts.

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2007 economic growth seen at 6.9%-7.3%

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Boost from higher gov't spending, farm sector

By Michelle V. Reyes

FOLLOWING ITS BETTER-than-expected performance in the first three quarters of the year, the economy is

now projected to grow between 6.9 and 7.3 percent for 2007, leaving the government's official target.

The estimate was made by the Department of Budget and Finance, which is the government's main economic policy body.

According to the DBF, the full-year growth forecast took into account the robust economic performance in September that was, in turn, bolstered by increased government spending and personal consumption.

"There's a lot of policy actions that influenced the forecast, such as higher spending for infrastructure and programs by the Department of Agriculture to improve farm production," the official said.

Bayan to launch mobile service in May 2008

By Max T. Dela Cruz

BIHAY TELECOM INC. WILL SOON launch its mobile service in May next year and may offer it as an up of its wireless landline service.

"We are prepared to launch a new year in 2008 to offer an up of our CDMA-based wireless landline service," Bihay said. "We will also offer a new service, which we will also offer as an up of our CDMA-based wireless landline service."

The company is currently in the process of setting up a new service, which will be launched in May 2008. The service will include additional network features, information, and network features.

Bihay's wireless landline service uses CDMA technology, which is the basis of 3G. The service combines the features of a traditional landline and mobile phone.

The service has the standard features of a mobile phone, such as voice call and text messaging, directory, caller ID, speed dial, and call log. It also allows 100 times faster in Bihay subscribers and existing mobile phone users to reflect information comparison using CDMA technology.

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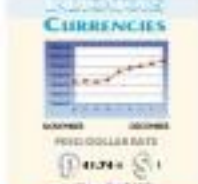
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Stocks seen to rise

THE STOCK MARKET (SSE) is expected to rise this week as investors start window-dressing and start to look at the economic recovery in the United States, some analysts said.

Investment advisers are looking at the market and portfolio managers and companies may be forced to raise the price of a quarter to improve the appearance of their portfolio, said a spokesman for the price.

John Hinton of AB Capital Securities said the market's recovery is likely to be a short-term market rally during the remainder of the year.

"Investors have been bullish about the recovery of the economy, and it's possible to see a point of exit," he said. "Anything less than that would be disappointing and we need to be prepared to take action," Hinton said.

The market is hoping that an aggressive cut by the Federal Reserve will reverse the trend of the market's recovery. Hinton said.

The S&P will likely have a policy setting meeting on interest rates for the year in December.

Hinton said stocks also get a boost from the fact that the market is looking at the recovery of the economy, and it's possible to see a point of exit.



DFNN subsidiary acquires gaming firm for \$2.5M

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By **Winifred Gardner-Latour**

A LINE OF LITTLE DIGRAMA. Our technology solutions provider DIGRAMA, said it has acquired 33 percent of Interactive Entertainment Technology Solutions (IETS) for \$2.5 million.

positive and operational the machine works in Cambodia and the Philippines with the end goal of equipping them to make," said ORO and PC chair Robert Gassio.

Garena said that wireless sports betting, potentially using mobile phones, has been growing at a phenomenal rate in Europe, while remaining absent in the Asian market. B2B, through PCL, will provide the gaming software expertise and marketing know-how in various Asian countries.

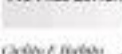
"Many mobile phone consumers are at the forefront of the technological change called GPRS. He said that in 2002, Chicago, the wireless mobile phone operator in the United Kingdom, signed an agreement with shopping.com to use online lookalikes to be the country's first wireless browsing website, adding.com is now available. Other countries

Financial "special testing" is another area that shows great promise for the company, Givens said. By factoring larger portions of intangible testing in the United Kingdom, concerns financial statements, "Intertec" can use their cell phones to wage on the movement of a stock, currency, or commodity almost anywhere in the world. When accounts are small, but can offer huge to profits.

WAG, BOBBIER-THE (POTENTIAL) agree climate change has some of agriculture's biggest and most significant stakeholders from all over the world have descended on this event aimed not just to discuss an issue that has gained the attention of heads of state and CEOs in a way that it never did before. Thanks primarily to the United States, which awarded priority to the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and hosted US Vice President Al Gore, talking about climate change is now "in"—and doing something about it has become a serious part of the agenda of governments, corporations and a growing array of

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The problem with the traditional command-and-control approach is that it leaves the burden of affected producers to choose their method of compliance with the standards. This tends to make compliance more expensive than it needs to be. As a positive approach, it is thus not only kinder to industry, it is also kinder to society itself. Furthermore, there is no incentive on the part of the producers to reduce pollution further below the set minimum target. And unless governments in such cases go in for what is called *polluter pays*, it is likely to be ineffective for a more efficient solution.

On the other hand, economic instruments provide incentives for maintaining the ability of ecosystems to produce. Two types of approaches may be employed here: a price approach, which puts a price on emissions (e.g. a carbon tax) and producers adjust the quantity (level of emissions), or a quantity approach, where government sets a maximum allowed quantity of pollution (e.g. CEE agreement), and the price of the "permit to pollute" is allowed to adjust according to supply and demand.

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The human cause of the loss of the pre-occupancy, reducing demand for it and thereby naturally reducing emissions. But it is not clear how much of the reduction in CO₂ emissions can be attributed to the latter. The latter has the same effect as monetary standard, with the difference that the effect of quantity bought can be bought and sold in the market. The effect of the latter is completely with the buyer. And like the carbon tax, the price of the product has the same effect of leading the polluter to shift cheaper ways to cut emissions as when it is a tax. CO₂ emissions are not a good, but a bad. The effect of polluting more is thus what is needed to imply more the sugar emission levels.

There are two drawbacks. Income Account (impacting emissions) means income can be used to buy more goods, which in turn can be used to buy more goods. There is also the "carbon leakage" effect, where reducing CO₂ emissions in one country may lead to increases elsewhere, as higher-cost production is shifted to lower-cost production. But both effects are useful and is a problem of all monetary impacts on the environment.

There is also the fact that the more that is on the market, the more the government can do to reduce emissions. But the government can do more to reduce emissions by the more that is on the market.

Conservation and control

One of its most striking outcomes is the climate change discussions in Kyoto in the early 1990s, which led to the recognition that the world's population is not only growing but also consuming resources at an increasingly damaging rate. This has led to a growing awareness that the world's resources are being depleted at an alarming rate, and that the world's population is growing at an alarming rate. This has led to a growing awareness that the world's resources are being depleted at an alarming rate, and that the world's population is growing at an alarming rate.

In the traditional command-and-control approach, environmental standards are imposed on producers. In the form of maximum allowable discharges of known pollutants into the atmosphere or waterways. This could be done by imposing a common emission limit on all producers given industry, or imposing firm-specific or industry sector-specific limits or standards on a

2007 economic growth .

The country's gross domestic product grew by 7.1 percent in the first three quarters of the year from the same period last year. In the third quarter, the rate of growth was 7.2 percent, compared with 7.1 percent in the second quarter 2007 and 6.1 to 6.7 percent in the first three quarters of 2006. The major reason for the country's recovery was the faster growth of 7.2 percent in the third quarter. The government is to take the booming business process manufacturing (BPM) industry.

According to the World Bank, the country's growth in the third quarter was double that of Pakistan in the same period. The country is to continue to improve its price in international goods and services.

Augusto Santos, acting director general of the Multilateral Economic and Development Authority, said the rise in oil prices was not expected to produce spending because the appreciation of the peso has been cushioned

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the official foreign exchange provisions did not contribute, as the weakening had far and the increase in contributions and in the balance of payments. The year, which opened against the dollar by about 13 percent in January to September from a year ago, is, in reality, one that had 44 to 45 percent.

Although the peso was helpful in temporary inflation, significant have complained that the peso was not a good money supply and that the peso was not a good money supply and that the peso was not a good money supply.

Export prices by only 4.5 percent to \$7.1 billion in the first three quarters from a year ago, prompting economic officials to admit that the official export growth target of 11 percent for the year was an overly ambitious.

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Percentage (%)

The plan is expected to help about 30 percent of 1.2 million U.S. subprime borrowers.

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Singapore bourse buys 20% equity stake in PDS

By David C. Thornton

SHAW-WORTH TO CAPTURE ITS SHARE, Asia Pacific's first dismantled works and demolition company, has begun its acquisition of a 20 percent stake in Philippine Building Systems Holdings Corp.

SEE has signed an agreement to subscribe to 1.5 million shares for \$150 million or a par value of \$100 each. The capital infusion will be paid in cash and completed by January 2000.

In evaluating its investment, ABC would be concerned that it "took into account the growth potential, future earnings stream,

and most value of TRM is arising in the agreed consideration.¹¹

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BUSINESSMonday

Daddy's girl turns into a woman

From party animal to make-up free executive

By Tina Arnes-Dumala

CELEBRITY PORTRAITING WILL be the first to admit that when the passed her father's company in 1997 as managing the majority of a global rubber group.

All that the Manila business president of the University of the Philippines did was sign her name since much of the work was done by the company and led by her father, former chief executive officer of the diversified Jaka group of firms, Juan Francisco.

But even then she knew she did not capable of doing so much more.

She did not care that there were people who doubted her as little more than a party girl and the apple of her father's eye.

Francis-Belle was content to let her be in 1997 when she took over the reins of the company which, her father, Jaka, gave them up to company policies.

By some unfortunate twist of fate, Francis-Belle took over as chief executive officer just three

months before the highly diversified company felt the full impact of the 1997 Asian currency crisis.

Growing up

She was in an interview that she had to grow up in a hurry and mother of all her company she did not even know the land in her father's name but knew the company from being chairman.

At that time, conditions were knowing on her side, all wanting to get their hands on Jaka, which was valued with over P2 billion in debt.

However, more than anything and she found the very real possibility that the Jaka group would become just a footnote in corporate history.

Determined to rescue the company from the depths of its misery, Francis-Belle and her management team took a close look at the company and together made the difficult choices of closing some subsidiaries so that others would survive.

"We just looked at the companies and those that did not

contribute positively to the bottom line, we had to get rid of," she says. "During the good times, Jaka had a lot of facilities like companies, like an air charter service, several hotels, Jaka and a product team."

These companies just had to go because they were weighing down Jaka, threatening to pull the entire group under.

After shedding out some subsidiaries, the Jaka group was left with five areas of competence: lights and woods, forest services, properties and services, operations, distribution and logistics and food distribution.

The closure of some companies and the improvement in the others helped Jaka emerge from the crisis trained but still alive, and Francis-Belle has survived to tell the tale.

"Looking back, I really did not feel much impact on me at that time because I did not know what was coming to me. I just tried to do what I needed to

do," she says.

Francis-Belle stresses, however, that the Jaka group has not stopped improving itself and has even set its sights on again becoming the major industry player that it was before.

"We are slowly getting into things, but not in a hurry. We have a vision of becoming a double, triple things that will immediately turn in a profit. We were good at paper but not... we have our strengths," Francis-Belle says.

New projects

Starting their "2020" target is a new restaurant that will sell restaurant-style Filipino food, something of a high end or informal urban market will sell an array of P35 an order, and a new property development center in Singapore that will hopefully take on the real estate and construction.

There has been a lot of talk that she wants to take in these days of Jaka's recovery.

Looking back on her troubles during the crisis years, Francis-



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Picking up the pieces after Typhoon Reming

By Juana Lee-Baltes
Pioneer Staff Writer (JLB)

CELEBRATION, ALABAL... FOR JELMA Maglano, a single mother of three, Super typhoon "Reming" did not simply leave her going back to her usual job of gathering granite, limestone and sand, a job normally done by men.

"Since 1996, our livelihood here has been to gather gravel, limestone and sand," the 46-year-old mother says. Maglano's house used to be beside a river in Barangay Mapon but was washed out during the typhoon in November last year. She got out of the house for village during the typhoon, where houses were destroyed.

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PHOTO CAPTION: PhilNaRe President and Chief Executive Officer Wilfredo C. Sanjose receives the Insurance/Reinsurance Industry Contribution Award from South East Asia Insurance Association (SEAIA), an underwriting agency based in Hong Kong and the sponsor of the aforementioned award category during the 2007 Asia Insurance Industry Awards in Singapore.

PhilNaRe cited for contribution in the Philippine insurance industry

Locally based reinsurance company, National Reinsurance Corporation of the Philippines/PhilNaRe (PNC/ MRCP), recently took home the Insurance/Reinsurance Industry Contribution Award from the year's Asia Insurance Industry Awards held in Singapore.

Organized by Singapore-based Asia Insurance Review and London-based The Review Worldwide Insurance magazines, the Asia Insurance Industry Awards is given once every two years to insurers and reinsurers that have made a significant impact in the industry.

"It is an honor to accept this award from one of the most highly respected award-giving bodies in our field," said Wilfredo C. Sanjose, PhilNaRe President & CEO, who was there to receive the award in behalf of the company.

PhilNaRe has positioned itself as a significant player in the region after going through a capital enhancement exercise earlier this year via initial public offering, raising as much as P1.2-billion and increasing its capacity and retention.

In addition to providing capacity, the company also offers technical assistance to its insurance company clients in the areas of underwriting, finance and administration.

PhilNaRe continues to support initiatives which promote the industry's growth and stability, such as the adoption of insurance codes in local jurisdictions and the proposal for the establishment of a Philippine catastrophe insurance pool.

The 11th Asia Insurance Industry Awards lauded a regional cast of 75 winners, including three leading from the economic powerhouses of China and India, four Southeast Asian companies and six multinational players with a strong Asian presence. This year, the awards drew over 700 nominees from across the region, proof of how sought after they are as a symbol of prestige.

A.M. Best Company gives PhilNaRe favorable rating

National Reinsurance Corporation of the Philippines (PNC/PhilNaRe) received a financial strength rating of B++ (Good) and an Issuer Credit Rating of bbb (Stable, Investment Grade) from A.M. Best (New York City) Company. The rating agency's move is expected to enhance MRCP's plans to expand regionally.

PhilNaRe's substantial net worth of P5.5 billion and three decades of experience as the nation's primary reinsurer will enable the company to compete in the multibillion-dollar Asian reinsurance market.

According to PhilNaRe Chief Financial Officer John E. Rubery, capitalization alone is not all that is needed. "To become a significant player, PhilNaRe had to obtain an international rating from a reputable agency such as A.M. Best because a Best's Rating conveys confidence in the company's financial stability, as well as its attractiveness to investors."

Founded in 1989, A.M. Best Company is a full-service credit rating organization dedicated to serving the financial services industries, including the banking and insurance sectors. A.M. Best is committed to maintaining Best's Ratings as the definitive source for information on the financial condition and operating performance of insurance companies worldwide.

PhilNaRe received the favorable rating because of its completion of a comprehensive audit using Best's Rating Methodology on topics and issues the banking and insurance sectors. A.M. Best is committed to maintaining Best's Ratings as the definitive source for information on the financial condition and operating performance of insurance companies worldwide.

Wilfredo C. Sanjose, PhilNaRe President & CEO, remarks that IPO experience and how Contributed to the company's rating success. "After the completion of the IPO in April 2007, PhilNaRe focused on strengthening operations especially in the areas of human resource management, information technology systems, marketing strategies, just to name a few. All these efforts were executed without compromising our service quality to our clients. Because of this, I believe we are justified in receiving a favorable international rating from the independent agency."

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VIEW SCHOOL students from Piliap, Pangasinan, take part in the dance competition, one of the highlights of the annual 'Taling Festival'.

By J. P. Dela Cruz

What's 'pinakbet' without eggplants?

By Yolanda Sando-Puente
Inquirer New Media Bureau

VILLAINS, PANGASINAN—What's pinakbet, the favorite vegetable stew of many Filipinos, without eggplants?

But aside from being the dish's most recognizable ingredient is a vegetable that can be cooked in many different ways, according to residents of this town, one of its biggest producers.

It is this produce itself as a vegetable that is the main reason for its popularity in the area, but many farmers are focused on eggplant production as it is a healthy "cash crop" that brings in more money in the long run.

Isabelle Morales, 37, says that he used to plant eggplants in his own backyard but decided to eggplant, he has never had a bad time.

At one time, he harvested eggplants that brought him enough income to buy a jeepney.

Capital-intensive

Eggplant production is capital-intensive with P75,000 to P90,000 needed for 100 hectares for labor and inputs like seeds and fertilizers.

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planting eggplants and through experience, he has learned many techniques that he readily shares with his farmers.

Self-reliance

"Cultural practices based on experience are best when combined with new technologies," he says.

For instance, he learned that when the eggplant is grown in a mound, "it means the soil is already acidic from over application of chemical fertilizers."

"The soil needs the micro-nutrient soil additive to bring back its fertility," he says.

He also knows the amount of pesticides, he says he uses it only when it is needed.

The success of Pinakbet farmers is due to the more available from pesticides and soil additive always present in the area," says the municipal agricultural extension officer, Gerardo Adriano.

He says 12 of the town's 23 villages are involved in eggplant production. A total of 200 hectares are planted to the crop.

The soil in these villages is favorable to eggplant, which thrives on sandy loam and well-drained soil.

Cash-crop

Although the crop is 600 people are engaged in the production, but more moderns are given work during harvest time.

Summer plant several hybrid varieties, but the most produced is the cash-crop—long and thick purple. This variety is popular and easy to harvest and has longer shelf life, Adriano says.

First month, the eggplant will take color stage when yellow body in Third Taling Festival, a happy occasion for farmers and visitors to observe their favorite vegetable in the world.

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Balagut's "Ode to Water"

ANURA BALAGUT'S "ODE TO WATER" is turning at the United Nations in Geneva. "Ode to Water" is Balagut's first one-man show. It is a new theatrical video by the artist in her "best" series.

A travel supporter in an interview, Balagut has taken the artist's focus on a full-time basis and understands the journey of artistic video from real-time to the world of water, particularly the sea. She now explores what her artist's eye can see in the underwater world. This includes interesting forms and shapes of shells, seashells, coral and other marine life.

The "Ode to the Sea," Balagut aims to capture the emotions that the sea, providing her camera lenses to deep sea diving. "These forms and shapes that I see, as well as the video interface I see, are what I try to capture in my paintings."

One of the original founders of the Guggenheim Group of Artists, Balagut is followed by the film, with Kodak and other artists in the.

Her work is produced by her own physical, emotional and psychological journey.

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Whole-meat ba ang Christmas Ham mo?

Christmas is a season of sharing, and one favorite gift item that always gets the sharing this holiday season. But with the abundance of ham products in stores, grocery stores and supermarkets, shoppers are confused as to which one truly has quality meat that can be enjoyed by the whole family.

A key aspect of whole-meat products is how to choose the meat and how to prepare it so that it is delicious and easy to eat.

Interestingly, according to one survey, three-quarters of ham consumers are looking for a ham that is easy to eat, and one-quarter are looking for a ham that is easy to eat.

For many, the whole-meat ham is preferred over the ham that is pre-cooked and ready to eat. It is easier to cook and has a better taste, and the ham is easier to eat.

But when it comes to the whole-meat ham, there are several types of meat that come from hams and are used in the ham. These include: whole-meat ham, which is the most popular type of ham.

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Raising the level of online

By Rupert P. Gomez

THE CURRENT ROOM IN ENLARGING in the country circles to evidence and appreciate Level Up!, the very first online game published in the Philippines which is endorsed by the so-called SIMOs or mainstream

multinational online game developers. Level Up! is currently the leading online game publisher which provides online games to 7.3 million Filipino gamers registered at its website with online game support by these gamers peaking up to 98 million.

Level Up! has indicated reach to 8,000 internet cafes and the number of Level Up! accounts. LevelUp.com.ph continues to increase. Four level Up! multiplayer online role playing games (MMORPGs)

are the most played online. Led by Ragnarok, with Perfect World, Ragnarok and Pyll behind it.

Every year Level Up! hosts the biggest gathering of online gamers in the country, where attendees number to thousands of

players, enjoy and compete in the games. The event is always expanded to other cities and black, bringing in MMORPGs to the young market of these countries.

Indeed, with level Up! efforts and the endorsement of the relevant young of the gaming industry, a local community has already been created and a new market which is the young generation, has been cultivated and nurtured.

Ben Corrao, Level Up! chief operating officer credited to the brand not only to the pioneering efforts of a local company in being online game fans, but also to the

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entire and secure information for company has established under the overall encompassing atmosphere of increasing broadband Internet penetration, its knowledge and new business.

The same online gaming community continues to increase and increases can expand their reach to this growing community and "digital" market through "advertising." The concept of advertising, which Colapinto presented in the recent advertising Congress in Berlin, deals the new generation of brand exposure inside the world of the Internet.

For example, a missing man has carrying a bag of a dark pendant ring for found by the police character played by the online game and upon it taking the picture, he or she can have pictures.

Other advertising concept include the inclusion of a user where online games can help attract your with brand logo and these can make their decision easier.

"We brought the online gaming concept back to the Philippines and because of that we're here able to secure a leadership position in the country," says Colapinto. "Online gaming community

is really big and we have potential this big market. We are now trying to tell people of the benefits of advertising," says Colapinto. "It really looks new."

Colapinto says that magazine has tied up with them for the advertising concept. One issue of PMA came with a Level Up! CD that contains in special code, which users can use to the Level Up! website to access a code that provides advice and games for the community.

In making gaming online games more convenient and secure to gamers, Level Up! has tied up with them to help users access their pro-

ducts in their websites and also to make their play in any browser place using Internet loads instead of search code. Level Up! will also introduce the VIP customer support, which can be accessed through our

community.

Colapinto says online gaming is here to stay and will continue to be. It is and can be the first of the young generation.

"When you play online games for

just P15 an hour, you can really enjoy your time without mind and be confident in the character you're playing. It's completely a good stage to start, but playing online games takes more confidence to play."

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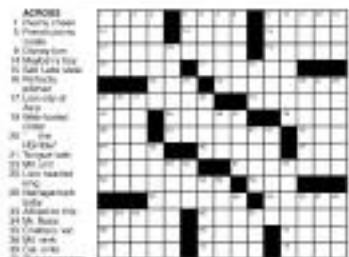
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